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MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Oct. 3.—The residents of Downsville, Delaware county, are doing their best to exterminate the rats that next Wednesday morning shall be reported as the cause of the killing rates which infest the village.

It is expected that on that day the residents of the village will combine to exterminate the rodents which are causing such havoc. It is proposed that the owners of all shut-in their hens, cats and dogs in order that they may not be poisoned.

Dr. Robert Brittain, one of the physicians of the place, has issued instructions to the villagers regarding the use of the poison and the amount in the war. The villagers are to report the number of rats killed by each of them.